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## Dear California Fire Service:

The "State Assistance For Fire Equipment Act" (S.A.F.E. ACT) and the "Information System Network" (fire equipment resale) are two programs of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) that are managed and coordinated by the Fire and Rescue Branch. I am pleased to announce an open application period and sale of used OES fire engines through the S.A.F.E. Act, and a request for updates for the 2004 database for the resale and purchase of used firefighting vehicles and related equipment.

<u>Important:</u> The S.A.F.E. Act includes the Fire Vehicle Resale Program and the Information System, specifically excludes emergency medical service vehicles, rescue vehicles, communications and command operations vehicles, as well as hazardous materials operations vehicles.

## RESALE PROGRAM (S.A.F.E. ACT)

In accordance with Section 2820b, Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations please be advised that this office will accept applications to purchase used OES fire engines though the S.A.F.E. Act beginning July 26, 2004 and ending August 26, 2004.

This application period has been extended through October 15, 2004.

The Fire Vehicle Resale Program provides that OES may purchase used firefighting vehicles, repair and refurbish the vehicles as needed, then resell the vehicles to any city, county, special district, joint powers agency, or volunteer fire company which provides fire suppression services. To help fulfill this goal, OES will be providing limited financing to qualified local agencies, which serve rural areas of the state.

In order to qualify for the Fire Vehicle Resale Program you must "completely" fill in the enclosed "Application to Purchase Fire Vehicle" Form and return it to OES on, or before the date mentioned above. You can access this form for downloading at <a href="www.oes.ca.gov">www.oes.ca.gov</a>, under "Fire Online Documents." Applications postmarked after August 4, 2004 October 15, 2004, will not be considered. All applications submitted will be evaluated and ranked by the Office in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Act. All applicants will be notified of their rank within 60 days after the close of the application period.

Please note that submission of the application confers no commitment on your agency to purchase a vehicle, nor does it confer any duty on OES to sell you a vehicle.

## INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK

The Information (Locator) System is designed to identify firefighting vehicles and related equipment currently offered for sale within the fire community (statewide), as well as identifying local agency purchasers.

In order to be included in the Information System Network, you must fill in the enclosed "Information System Network for Sellers and Buyers of Firefighting Apparatus and Equipment" Form as either a <u>buyer</u> or <u>seller</u>, or <u>both.</u> If your agency is interested in selling firefighting vehicles and related equipment, fill out the "top" portion of the form indicating the types of firefighting vehicles or firefighting equipment you are offering for sale. You may also access this form from our website, under "Fire Online Documents."

Please note that you must also include your agency's name, address, phone number, and contact person. Please limit each advertisement to 120 characters.

The resulting submissions will be added to the existing entries and produced as the 2004 Edition of the Information System to be available on the OES – Fire & Rescue Branch web page (www.oes.ca.gov), and hard copy distribution by individual requests.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Paul Beckstrom at (916) 845-8718 or Bahia Abdallah at (916) 845-8725. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support of the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System.

Sincerely,

KIM ZAGARIS, Chief Fire and Rescue Branch

Attachments

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